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LOVE AND DESPONDENCY.

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The moon on a fresh-filled grave,
An owl on a withered tree,
A crow on the door of the three,
Yes, I, the last of the three—

The day I did not come!

For the day is the dove of light,
And half my soul, too.

But I am a mid-world fool,
With a heart full of a secret,

That had a soul, that's a soul,
And buried it yesterday.

I still live it here,
I live it over again,

The moon is drinking it now,
From out of that ghastly bowl—

From out of the marble urn
That craves that fresh Blood grave,
For it is the last of the three,
The wine of my soul I leave.

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I speak these words, and I think
I speak them, perchance, aloud;

The moon saluted a cloud;

And some one came to my side,

And touched my hand, and said:

"I have but buried thy soul,

Let me now bring it back."

Then the soft hand clasped my hand,
And it was harder than a stone;

And though not I qualified a soul

Now, in America's wine!

An Emersonian Essay on Culture.
From an essay on this subject by Ralph Waldo Emerson, in the *Atlantic Monthly*, we make these extracts:

Akin to the beauty of foreign travel, the aesthetic value of railroads is to unite the advantages of town and country life, neither of which we can spare. A man should live in or near a large town, because, let his own genius be what it may, it will repel quite as much of agreeable and valuable talent as it attracts, and in a city, the total attraction of all citizens, a strong conqueror, first of us, even education and the improbable hermit within its walls some of us in the year. In town he can find the swimming-school, the gymnasium, the dancing-master, the shooting-gallery, opera, theater, and panopticon; the chemist's shop, the museum of natural history, the gallery of fine arts, the national orators in their turn, foreign travelers, the libraries, and his club. It is in town that health and solitude and reading mainly label cheap living. His old shoes, moccasins for games, hats for gentry, and groves for devotion. Aubrey writes, "I have heard Thomas Hobbes say, that the Earl of Devon's house, in Derbyshire, there was a good library and books enough for him, and his Lordship stored the library with what books he thought fit to be bought." But a man of good conversation was a very poor insect indeed, and, though he conceived he could order his life better, as well as another, yet he found a great desire, in the country, in long time, for want of good conversation, one's understanding and invention contract a moss on them, like an old paling in an orchard."

Others give us collision. "He said, London and New York take the nonsense out of a man." A man takes our education as sympathetic and social. Boys and girls who have been brought up with well-known and superior people show in their manners an estimable grace. Fuller says, that "William, Earl of Nassau, was a subject from the King of Spain every time he put off his hat." You can not have one well-bred man without a whole society of such. They keep each other up to any high point. Society itself requires it. It requires a many cultivated women-salons of bright, elegant, reading women—spectacles, pictures, sculpture, poetry, and to elegant society—in order that you should have one Madame de Staél. The head of a commercial house, or a leading lawyer or politician, is brought into daily contact with troops of men from all parts of the country—and those, too, the driving force of the business-men of each town and state. He becomes, in effect, an appreciative man, a more searching culture. Besides, we must remember the high social possibilities of a million of men. The best bribe, which London offers to-day to the imagination is, that in such a vast majority of people and conditions, one can believe there is room for persons of romantic character to exist, and that the poet, the mystic, and the hero may hope to confront their counterparts.

I wish cities would teach their best lesson—of quiet manners. It is the fault especially of American youth—preternatural. The mark of the man of the world is absence of pretension. He does not make a speech; he takes a low business tone, avoids all brags, is nobody, dresses plainly, promises not at all, affects no name, speaks in monosyllables, has his fact. He is a man of economy, by his lowest name, and to take from his evil tongues their sharpest weapon. His conversation clings to the weather and the news, yet he allows himself to be surprised into thought, and the unlocking of his learning and philosophy. How the imagination is piqued by anecdotes of some great man passing, as a king in gray clothes—of Napoleon affecting a plain suit at his glittering levees, or of Wellington, or any container of transcendent power passing for nobody. Of Epaminondas, "who never says anything, but will listen eternally!"—of Goethe, who preferred trifling subjects and common expressions in intercourse with strangers, worse rather than better clothes, and to appear a little more conspicuous than he was! There are no pretensions in the old hot and box-coat, a certain respect is paid to good breeding, but dress makes a little restraint; men will not commit themselves. But the box-coat is like wings; it unlocks the tongue, and men say what they think. An old poet says:

"To her for me and for sport;
For you'll find it certain,
The more you'll look through still."

Not much more otherwise. Milnes writes, in the "Lay of the Humble":

"To me she is what they are,

She is what no man with me."

To this end our people should have, not waste of the earth, but a wise, judicious, shrewd foreigner said of the Americans, that "whatever they say has a little air of a speech." Yet of one of the traits down in the books as distinguishing the Anglo-Saxon, is a trick of self-disparagement. To be sure, in old, dense countries, among a million of good coats, a fine coat comes to no distinction, and you find humorists. In an English town, the leader of a band of miners or featuring with a bad, like a dog, unexpectedly drowns wit, learning, a wide range of topics, and personal familiarity with good men in all parts of the world, until you think you have fallen upon some illustrious personage. Can it be that the American forefathers have refreshed some seeds of old Pictish, Barbary, or just ready to die—the love of the mother of a band, and, tens? The Italian says of the red cloths, peacock-plumes and embroidered robes, one rainy morning in the city of Palermo, the street was in a blaze with scarlet umbrellas. The English have a plain taste. The equalities of the grandees are plain.

A gross liver indicates new and awkward city wealth. Mr. Pitt, like Mr. Pym, thought the title of "Mister" goes against the King in Europe. They have piqued themselves on being the most popular in the poor, pale, dark communities round about the House of Commons set in before the fire.

While we want cities, as the centers where the best things are found, cities degenerate as by magnifying trifles. The countryman finds the town a chop-house, a barber's shop. He has lost the sense of grandeur of the horizon, hills and plains and with them, solitariness and elevation. He has become more a simple, dull, inert, lifeless animal, fit only to be terrible to public opinion. Life is dragged down to a mass of trifles, cares and distract. You say the gods ought to judge a few whose objects are their own, but in cities they have betrayed that to a cloud of insignificant novelties.

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Kosset and Kippe, and also body of Hussars and Guards, the latter militarily organized, it is reported, at Beaumont, prepared to invade the country and get up a revolution.

MONETARY AND COMMERCIAL

Financial Affairs.
The financial affairs of Third-street under went no change of importance yesterday; but the inquiry for money was rather less than on Thursday, and carry-over was in better supply.

Eastern Exchange was steady, though inactive, at 100, with a premium, selling rate, on all points except Baltimore, the premium, selling rate, on all

Gold was dull, and rates were rather lower than on Thursday.

Business on the Landing was fair, but there was no sign of any great day of the week, and freight were quoted at previous rates.

Yesterday's Louisville Courier remarks:

The river was slowly swelling yesterday, with three or four hours' delay in the advance of the tide, and the water was in better supply.

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